GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4056
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INSTALLATION OF SAFETY STANDARDS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether fuel complexes/power plants in the country are observing/implementing international safety standards as regards maintaining health records of the employees to monitor safety standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether workers Union/Association of these plants has been pressing for transparency in maintenance of health records; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken/proposed to ensure implementation of safety standards strictly as per international guidelines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (d) : The details are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4056 FOR 18.4.2002.

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1.	Haryana Power Generation Corpn. Ltd.	Yes, as applicable in India at health centers which focus on vision, hearing chest X-ray, blood test for sugar, hb, urine and special test when required.	Medical is being done and there is no objection from	Transparency is being maintained	Suggestion of union/association are being implemented.
2.	Department of atomic Energy	Yes. Periodical examination is being done which includes pathological investigation. Health records are maintained as per International Standards.		Workers are satisfied with transparency.	Not Applicable.
3.	Madhya Pradesh State Electri- city Board.	Health check up of employees is being done as per the provisions of Factory Act., 1948 and MP Factory Rule, 1962	Not Applicable	Union/association have never pressurized for transparency of health records. As per Section 41(6) of MP Factory Rule, 1962 safety committee have been constituted comprising of equal representative from management and workers to inspect records.	
4.	Calcutta Electricity Supply Company	Medical treatment/ hospitalisation is being given to all employees with regular checkup by resident medical officer of the company.	Medical record book is being conducted for fuel employees handling plant employees, Eye sight test for loco drivers as per; the provisions of Factory Act and Rules.	Pulmonary test and chest X-ray is being given to the employees	Records is being maintained in the Medical Deptt. of the Company.
5.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	Yes, as per Factory Act, 1948 and Maharashtra Factory Rule, 1963. Periodcial medical examination is carried out once in two years for all employees exposed to hazardous conditions Chest X-ray Audiomentry test and Lungs function test.	Pre-employment medical examination is carried out and records are maintained.		

	Ambulance it also available.			
6. Punjab State Electricity Board	Safety standards of the highest order available in the country is being implemented.	Goggles and aprons of best quality material at the time of carrying out welding, gouging, gas cutting and grinding purposes are provided to workers so as to avoid any health hazards.	Employees get regular medical treatment at dispensaries. Ambulance vans are also provided to meet any emergency. No specific representations from workers union/ association received in this regard.	Included in part-C
7. Delhi Vidyut Board	Safety norms as per Factory Act, 1948 and Delhi Factory Rule, 1950 are being followed. Medical facility as per CGHS.	Not applicable.	Union/association are fully aware of transparency in health checkup camps. They also participate in maintenance of health records.	There is no proposal to implement safety norms as per Factory Act, 1948 and Delhi Factory Rule, 1950 are in vogue.
8. Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadam Nigam Ltd.	National safety standards are being implemented/observed in thermal power station. Adequate safety measures have been adopted at various levels to safeguard the health of employees from occupational hazard. Dispensary is in operation in the staff colony. Medical checkup/vaccination camps are being organised. Employees equipeed with suitable safety equipment and fire stations are functional round the clock. Contingency plan has been prepared and circulated to train the employees to cop up with any emergency.	Not applicable	No workers union/association is transparency in the maintenance of health records.	Not applicable.
9. Andhara Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Ltd.(APGENCO)	The employees of all power plantsof APGENCO were provided with safety appliances. like dust noise and heat of existinghospitals of the power plants which are managed by APGENCO.	The medical examination occupational hazards is conducted in the review meetings being held with the Station Heads and other Senior Officers of the stations. the APGENCO.	The issue of medical check up of employees is being discussed by the memebers of various union/associations in the following issues : (i) optimisation of productivity and environmental performance of the stations. (ii) improvement of the operation practices and use of better grade fuels. (iii) compliance of statutory norms by implementing upgradation/modifications (iv) green belt development.	Conservation of natural resources and sustainable development being primary objective of APGENCO and is concentrating on
10. Gujarat Electricity Board	Under the provisions of Factory Act., 1948 (amended in 1995) & code of practice on occupational safety and health audit IS-14489/1998, the order of theemployees is maintained.	The health check up of employees is carried out and health record is maintained. (a) Pre-employment medical check up and examination at Civil Hospitals of every employee. (b) Routine medical check up and examination as per Factory Act once in every year.	Workers union/association of health records being maintained.	For the safety standards necessary steps are taken from time to time.
11. Assam State Electricity Board(ASEB)	At present, Power Plants under ASEB are not observing/implementing the international safety standards for maintaining health records of employees to monitor safety standards.	Does not arise.	No.	Does not airse.
12. Karnataka Power Corpn. Ltd. (KPCL)	Generating Stations and Power Plants of KPCL are covered and maintained as per the Factory Act and subsequent amendments.	Full fledged hospitals with qualified staff and established in projects. Health records of each employee and their family members are maintained at their hospitals.	No such pressures from Unions.	Health records kept in hospitals can be seen as and when required.
13 National Thermal Power Corporation.	Yes, as per statutory requirement. process is being done yearly & health records are being maintained at plant hospitals.	The medical examiantion of the employees engaged in hazardous	There is no specific pressure for transparency in maintaining health records from Union/ Association.	Safety officers are posted in all the NTPC

14	Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB)	Power Plants of BSEB are observing/implementing all the standards provided in Factories Act., 1948 in Article- 11 to 20,concerning the health provision of employees, workers in operation & maintenance of the plant	No	Does not arise
15	Damodar Valley Corporation(DVC)	Power plants of DVC are observing/implementing all the standardsfor maintaining health record of employees of DVC to monitor safety Standard. Doctors periodically.	As per Factory Act./Rules workers of DVC employed in hazardous process. Such employees are medically examined by qualified DVC maintenance of health records of its employees.	for Workers of DVC and their representatives do not put pressure on the management for transparency in the
16.	Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. (NLC)	The health records of the employees are being maintained to monitor the safety standards Hospital. Medical records of all the employees are maintained in Occupational-health deptt. of the Hospital.	Periodical medical check ups of the employees are being carried out by the Industrial Medical Cell of NLC General	There is no demands from the workers union/association for

				DVC issues different OM/Circular for proper implementation of safety standards in the power plants.
				Not applicable.
				the transparency in maintenance of health records.